

FSGW Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2016
[September meeting]

1. **Call to Order and Existence of Quorum.** The meeting was called to order at 1:42 pm by President April Blum. Board members present: Charlie Baum, Vice President; Jerry Stein, Treasurer; Kim Gandy, Secretary; Ingrid Gorman, Publicity Chair; Heather Livingston, Publications Chair; Penelope Weinberger, Dance Chair; Judy Oppenheim, Membership Chair; and Tim Livengood, At Large. A quorum was present. Absent were Steve Winick, At-Large, and Mike Livingston, Program Chair.
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes.**
 - a. Draft August Minutes were distributed electronically, and copies were also provided.
 - b. After minor corrections and a motion from Charlie, the corrected minutes were adopted without objection.
3. **Action Item Reports.** In the interests of brevity, no reports on pending items this month.
 - a. **Independent audit/Combined Federal Campaign.** (Jerry)
 - b. **Web Migration progress.** (April)
 - c. **Pat McGee archival materials retrieval.** (April)
 - d. **Photo Archive.** (Ingrid) Mini-Fest photos
 - e. **Problem Dancer #5.** (April)
 - f. **Busboys and Poets/Grapevine.** (Tim)
 - g. **Proposed Scholarship.** (April)
 - h. **Chesapeake Dance Weekend.** (April)
 - i. **Washington Folk Festival Manual.** (Charlie)
4. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Logo.**
 - i. The following resolution was made electronically by Ingrid Gorman: *I move that the Folklore Society of Greater Washington allocate the sum of \$600 Dollars to be paid to Debra Witt for logo redesign services, such services to include all items set forth on the proposal dated July 25, 2016.*
 - ii. The resolution was seconded electronically by Heather Livingston, and approved electronically by a majority vote of the Board.
 - iii. The FSGW bylaws require that electronic resolutions be ratified at a subsequent Board meeting at which a quorum exists.
 - iv. The electronically adopted resolution was ratified without objection.
 - b. **Takoma Park Folk Festival Alternative.**
 - i. Charlie Baum reported on the work to organize a "substitute" Takoma Park Folk Festival in the evening at the Takoma Park Community Center. Because it is 5pm to 9pm, they are exploring the possibility of food trucks (no food allowed in the auditorium). Dave Eisner is doing sound for FSGW, price to be negotiated, but it will be within our budget. This event is a "bridge" to allow the TPF to find volunteers to take over in future years.

- ii. The date will be Sunday, September 11. FSGW has organized nine acts in the four-hour free concert, organized primarily by Fred Stollnitz with help from Lisa Null and Charlie Baum, among others.

c. *Implementing a New Procedure for "Free" admission.*

Text to describe the "get in free" coupons will be discussed at the next meeting.

d. *Membership Drive.*

Proposal for membership drive (via a concert in Silver Spring plaza) and possibly a dance membership drive will be followed up at the next meeting. Discussed what it would take for young people/college students to sign up for a membership, even if it is a student membership. Judy noted that lots of people include a contribution with their dues, even if only to round it to an even number.

5. New Business.

a. *Complaint about Vaping at FSGW Dance.*

- i. April received a verbal complaint from a dancer about a staff member vaping at a Sunday night dance held at the Bumper Car Pavilion. Penelope will look into the requirements of Glen Echo, as it is not clear whether smoking/vaping is prohibited on the park grounds, or only in the buildings.

b. *Approval of Budget for Fiscal Year 9-1-16 through 8-31-17.*

- i. The Board met earlier today (Sunday, August 28) and generated a proposed budget for the new fiscal year. A copy of the budget will be provided and attached to these Minutes.
- ii. Proposed resolution: I move to accept the proposed Budget submitted by the Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

6. Next Meeting and Motion to Adjourn.

- a. The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 5, 2016.
- b. Motion to adjourn by Charlie, seconded by Judy, passed unanimously.